M.P. Government suggestions on rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims

†2528. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of suggestions given by the Madhya Pradesh Government for rehabilitation of gas victims and for other programmes in the meeting of the Group of the Ministers held on 7th June, 2002, and Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is deliberating with the Ministry of Water Resources and the Madhya Pradesh Government, in respect of an action plan from Narmada river to Bhopal town, to ensure water supply to the Bhopal residents, so that some amount, out of the compensation amount for gas tragedy, could be provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Recently, the State Government has submitted a number of proposals such as creating of Corpus fund to meet the recurring expenditure on the Schemes completed under the Action Plan, establishment of Memorial at UCIL premises, disposal of toxic wastes lying in UCIL premises, water supply to the gas affected wards, development of parks and plantation in gas affected wards, construction of additional houses etc. amounting to Rs. 1755 crore with the request that it could be funded from the unspent money lying with Reserve Bank of India. According to Supreme Court directions, the money received from the Union Carbide is earmarked for paying compensation to the Bhopal Gas victims. All the compensation claims have not yet been decided. For ensuring water supply to the Bhopal residents the state Government has been advised to take up the matter with the concerned Ministries / Departments of the Government of India.

Amount deposited by Drug Companies with NPPA

2529. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drug companies and the amount deposited by them

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